

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yukihiisa TAKEUCHI, Tsutomu NANATAKI, Iwao OHWADA and Takayoshi AKAO

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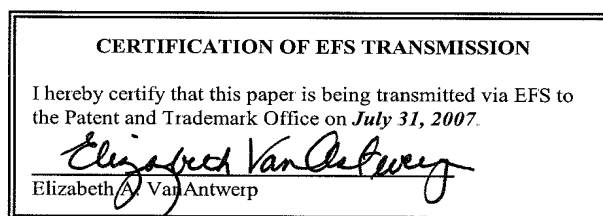
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Examiner: Sarvesh J. Nadkarni

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For: CIRCUIT ELEMENT, SIGNAL PROCESSING CIRCUIT, CONTROL DEVICE, DISPLAY DEVICE, METHOD OF DRIVING DISPLAY DEVICE, METHOD OF DRIVING CIRCUIT ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF DRIVING CONTROL DEVICE

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement outlined in the Office Action mailed July 2, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect species 1. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims read on the elected species and that at least independent claims 1, 12, 13, 22, 27, 41, 42 and 43 are generic to all species outlined on page 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since it is completely contrary to U.S. PTO election practice. Specifically, an election of species requirement is proper when two or more disclosed species are mutually exclusive. In the present case, the four species outlined on page 2 of the Office Action are **not** mutually exclusive. For example, while Fig. 1 (part of the alleged species 1) illustrates a circuit element having a load

20, Fig. 30 (the alleged species 2) simply gives an example of the components that can make up the load shown in Fig. 1. As such, Figs. 1 and 30 clearly are not mutually exclusive.

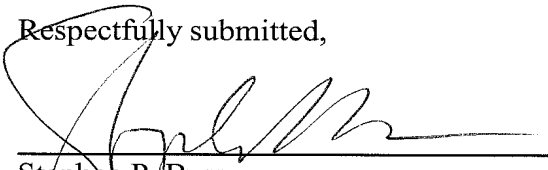
Similar arguments apply to the alleged species 3 and 4, as species 3 simply relates to an application of a plurality of the circuit elements depicted in Fig. 1, and species 4 simply relates to methods of driving devices made up of a plurality of the circuit elements depicted in Fig 1.

It is abundantly clear from the foregoing that the pending election requirement is completely erroneous and should thus be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter in more detail, he is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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